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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: NATO MPOL MILI UK  
SUBJECT: RAF GREENHAM COMMON

REF: LONDON 20676

1. HOLTON, HEAD OF DS-8, MOD, INFORMED POL-MIL ATTACHE OF RECENT LOCAL "POLITICAL" DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING RAF GREENHAM COMMON AND SURROUNDING AREA. HE SAID THE WEST BERKSHIRE STRUCTURE PLAN--DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A STRATEGY FOR LOCAL PLANNING OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS--IS TO BE EXAMINED IN PUBLIC IN APRIL. MOD OFFICIALS HAVE BRIEFED THE PANEL WHICH IS TO CONDUCT THIS EXAMINATION AND HAVE EXPLAINED "IN CONFIDENCE" THE BACKGROUND TO THE PRESENT POSITION. THAT IS, THAT HMG IS UNABLE AT PRESENT TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE ANY PLANS FOR THE "DEVELOPMENT" OF GREENHAM COMMON.

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2. HOLTON SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PANEL APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION MOD HAS PROVIDED BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING IF BY APRIL MOD IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE THE PANEL SOME IDEA OF THE FUTURE OF GREENHAM COMMON, PARTICULARLY AS EVERYONE CONCERNED IS AWARE THAT SOME OPTIONS MIGHT AFFECT DECISIONS RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEWBURY/THATCHAM AREA.

3. HOLTON SAID THAT ON THE A-10 DEPLOYMENT MATTER, MOD  
HAD GONE FORWARD TO MINISTERS ON 4 JANUARY RECOMMENDING  
APPROVAL OF OUR PLANS.

4. COMMENT: MOD OBVIOUSLY IS ANXIOUS TO GET A BEAD ON  
WHETHER REACTIVATION OF GREENHAM COMMON WILL EMERGE AS  
A USAF REQUIREMENT AND, IF SO, MOD OBVIOUSLY WOULD  
PREFER TO KNOW THIS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

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